

**METHOD FOR PACKAGING INFORMATION WITH DIGITALLY SIGNED  
SOFTWARE WITHOUT BREAKING SIGNATURE**

**Abstract of Disclosure**

**[0026]** A method is provided for packaging software which includes a digitally signed data portion and a filename. An entity such as a software distributor provides information which is to be conveyed to the end user with a software package. The information is encoded and then added to the name of the file without altering the digitally signed data portion of the file. In this manner, information is added to the file data portion without breaking the digital signature. The software package thus created is sent to the end user by the retail channel or by downloading to the user's computing device. Once received by the user's computing device, the information is decoded and displayed to the user. The data portion of the file is then installed and executed.